

CHINA.

In our most distant mission—West China—there is much cause for gratitude, our missionaries having been permitted, after enforced absence, to return to their fields of labor with prospects of more extended usefulness than before the riots. Indemnity for material losses has been paid by the Chinese Government, and negotiations for the purchase of a very desirable property completed. Twenty little girls have been gathered into a school, and it is hoped that before long a boarding school may be established, although confidence in the foreigner may come very slowly. The women are being gradually drawn to hear our missionaries, and through medical attention and personal conversation, as well as through the children, it is hoped the light may soon pierce the dense darkness.

One new worker has just gone to the help of our staff in Chentu, but at least two others are much needed.

CHINESE HOME, VICTORIA, B.C.

The numbers here remain small, two having been married during the year to Christian Chinamen. Improvement is noticed in the character and manner of the girls, and also in the building and grounds.

A change has been made of the teacher, Miss Morgan, our former missionary in Japan, now being in charge of the school department. She, with Miss Bowes, also keeps a friendly oversight of those who have been married from the Home, and teaches regularly in the Sunday School and night schools for Chinese and Japanese. The Friday afternoon prayer-meeting in the Home is attended by ten to eighteen adults.

INDIAN WORK.

CROSBY GIRLS' HOME, PORT SIMPSON, B.C.

During the spring la grippe afflicted this Home, resulting in the death of two girls. Two others left; the present number being twenty-three. During the summer the teachers and children enjoyed camp life for a time. An increased fondness for reading is observed, while the Sunday School and prayer-meeting are valued.

COQUALEETZA INDIAN INSTITUTE, CHILLIWHACK, B.C.

Ninety-seven pupils have been enrolled with an average attendance of eighty-five, about half of whom have been girls. The work seems most encouraging. While various employments are carried on, especially among the boys, the girls have been quite as active in ways less conspicuous in a report, but quite apparent in every-day life and fully as essential.